MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: Will the honourable member kindly repeat the question?

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: If some of the rotations would include appointments in the Service Commissioner's Office and also in other offices may I know in which office the Syrian Catholic was appointed?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: I am not in a position to name the office without reference to records.

MR. KAINIKKARA M. PADMANABHA PILLAI: May I know at least if the Public Service Commissioner is in a position to assure the House that the turns of the Syrian Catholics were given due consideration in one office or other and no place has been lost by them?

MR. C. S. LAKSHMANAN PILLAI: I can assure the House that the turn of every community, whenever that community had available candidates, has been satisfied. These include the Syrian Catholics also.

Recruitment from the Bar to the Judicial Department.

290. MR. K. R. NARAYANAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the statement in the press through the A. P. I. that there is no likelihood of any recruitment being made from the Bar to the Judicial Department in the near future has come to their notice; and

(*b*) if the statement is correct, the reasons for such a decision?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It was not a statement issued on behalf of Government.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR (*Mavelikara cum Kunnatur*): May I know whether the statement published in the Press was correct?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: No, Sir. So far as it relates to the decision of the future policy of Government it is not correct. That is the answer.

MR. K. KUNJU PANICKAR: May I know whether Government are aware that there was such a news published in the Press and whether Government attempted to deny it?

PRESIDENT: Why should Government go about denying that?

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether any action was taken against the A P. I. for publishing such incorrect news?

PRESIDENT: As far as I understand the A. P. I. said "we understand from enquiries" etc. Government cannot take action on such statements. But if incorrect facts are presented or incorrect statements are presented Government can take some action. But no such thing has happened here. Such intelligent or non-intelligent prophecies are made all over the world. For instance, a newspaper may say that Churchill is going to add two more ministers to his Cabinet whereas there is no such idea. Probably as a result of that publication one member may be added to the Cabinet. You cannot take action in regard to these matters.

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MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I was constrained to put this question due to the Legal Remembrancer's statement that the statement was incorrect.

PRESIDENT: Supposing a newspaper man speculates and states that no more judges will be appointed from the Bar, We cannot penalise him for that view. It is open to the journalists to speculate on the matter.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: But their statement should be correct.

PRESIDENT: There was no statement at all. I went into the matter and they have said only "We understand from enquiry that the recruitment from the Bar is not likely....." How can that be contradicted? It may be that it is not likely. That is all that the paper stated.

MR. G. VELU PILLAI: May I know whether the Government would be pleased to consider again the statement made by the A. P. I?

PRESIDENT: Not at all. The A. P. I. is a news agency just like other news agencies. If it says that it understands on reliable authority, or that the Government wants it to notify or that the Government's policy is as follows, then it carries intrinsic weight. But the A. P. I. is entitled just like other journalists to guess and it is not prohibited from giving currency to tendentious publications or from influencing or trying to influence Government. They are entitled to do this just as other journalists.

Recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar.

291. MR. G. VELU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to a recent statement by the Associated Press of India from Trivandrum, published in some of the leading dailies in the State, that there will not be any recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar for some time;

(*b*) whether Government have arrived at any such decision;

(*c*) if so, the reasons for the same; and

(*d*) whether it indicates any change in the present policy of recruitment to the Judiciary?

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI: (*a*) The statement, referred to, was not one issued on behalf of Government.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) In view of answer to (*a*) these do not arise.

Recruitment to the Judiciary from the Bar.

292. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided not to recruit judicial officers from the Bar for some time to come;

(*b*) if the answer to part (a) is in the affirmative, the reasons that prompted them to make the above decision; and

(*c*) the period during which the above decision is intended to be boraded to?

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